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In re application of:

Yasushi NISHIMURA

Serial No.: 09/986,977

Filed: November 13, 2001

For: PAINT-COATED COMPONENTS

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Patent Art Unit: 3654
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RESPONSE TO ELECTION / RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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The election/restriction requirement dated January 17, 2003 holds that this application contains claims directed to two patentably distinct inventions. More specifically, Applicant is required to elect one of the following patentably distinct groups for prosecution on the merits under 35 U.S.C. §121:

Group I - Claims 1-14; and

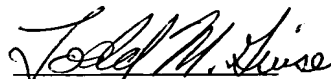
Group II - Claims 15-20.

In response, Applicant hereby elects the Group II to which claims 15-20 are directed without traverse. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests examination of claims 15-20. Thus, claims 1-14 can be withdrawn from consideration in this case.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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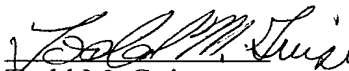
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